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1. The Preparatory Flight School (Letecká Přípravná Škola -- LPS) was located in the northeast corner of Dolny Kubin /4912N-1918E/ approximately 800 m. east of the Orava River. A single-track normal-gauge RR line which led from Kralovany /4909N-1908E/ to Trstena /4927N-1937E/ was located approximately 100 m. west of the LPS casern, and a two-lane, four-meter-wide, asphalt-surfaced highway, from Ruzomberok /4905N-1919E/ to Dolny Kubin and north to Zaskalie was located 500 m. west of the casern. The school was under the command of the Flying School Headquarters (Lepecke Uciliste -- LU) located at Prostejov /4928N-1717E/.

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2. There were four types of passes issued at this base:

- a. Cadets and Drafted Permanent Party Personnel: This category of personnel was required to have the Personal Badge (Osobní Znamka -- OZ), a black tin disk approximately 50 mm. in diameter and 1½ mm. thick. One side of this disk contained crossed bayonets and the number 1545 stamped into the metal. This number was the casern number and appeared on every pass of this type.

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The cadet passes were issued and kept in the cadet company orderly rooms. /Annex B, Points 13 and 15/, and the passes for the permanent personnel were issued and kept in the orderly room /Annex B, Point 19/. This pass was issued by the Charge of Quarters at the orderly rooms only when the person requiring it was leaving the post. The Charge of Quarters entered name, rank, number of disk, time and date of departure in a log book, and on the person's return entered the time and date when the pass was turned in. This disk was required for entry to and exit from the casern. Pass data and date and time entries were made upon exit and entry by guards at the gate /Annex B, Point 8/.

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b. Voluntary Enlisted NCO's (Permanent Party): This category of personnel was issued a career enlisted man's ID card (Prukaz Vojaka z Povolani), a card approximately five centimeters by one centimeter. One side of this pass contained the following data: date and place of birth, rank, full name, and serial number. The other side contained the photo and signature of bearer, signature of the commandant, the casern number 1545, and an official seal. This pass was kept on the person of the bearer. These passes were checked by the guards upon entry or exit and entered on the log sheet.

c. Officer's Pass: This pass was a red book approximately 10 cm. x 6 cm. with the words Czechoslovak Officer's ID Card (Prukaz Ceskoslovenskeho Dujstojnika) and bore the Czechoslovak emblem stamped on the cover of the book.

This pass was required for all officers for entry and exit.

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d. Civilian Pass: The civilian personnel employed at this base had no special pass other than their identification card (Obcansky Prukaz -- OP), required for all civilians. However, a list of names of all authorized civilians was maintained in a black book and kept in the guard shack /Annex B, Point 8/. Upon entry or exit, the guard checked the signature on the pass with that in the black book; he also looked at the photograph on the pass; a log of time and date of entry and exit was kept in the book.

Guards and Guard Posts

3. A standing guard was posted from 0500 to 1900 hours daily at the corner of designated buildings /Annex B, Point 23/. This guard was responsible for the south and west perimeter of the casern. No person was allowed within this perimeter. From 1900 to 0500 hours an extra guard was posted. Guards were posted every two hours and when relieved, reported to the guard house /Annex B, Point 7/, where they were placed on alert duty and had to remain awake. Upon completion of two hours alert duty, the sentry was relieved by the next sentry coming off post and then slept for two hours. After two hours sleep the guard went back on post. The guard commander was required to inspect the guards and casern twice nightly. Besides the regular guard, an alert guard (Hotovost) composed of seven cadets and an eighth cadet in charge were detailed for the duty daily. These alert guards were on alert duty from 1700 one day to 1700 hours the next day. The cadets attended classes and were allowed to sleep in their billets but had to sleep with their uniforms on. The detail was armed with CZ submachine guns model 23, with two clips of 40 rounds each and one clip of 24-rounds. Cadets on alert guard carried their weapons to classes and were required to have them on their person at all times. Electric lights /Annex B, Points 5 and 5a/, lit the perimeter of the compound /Annex B, Point 4/. For emergencies, an electric alarm switch was located near each electric light switch for use of the sentries. This switch would ring a bell and flash the number of the location where the alarm was turned in. This brought out the extra guards and the alert guard of the cadets. All electric lights on the perimeter were controlled individually by separate switches.

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Overlay of GSGS 4416 Sheet V-13 Pinpointing the LPS in Dolny Kubin

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Sketch of Floor Plan, Headquarters Building

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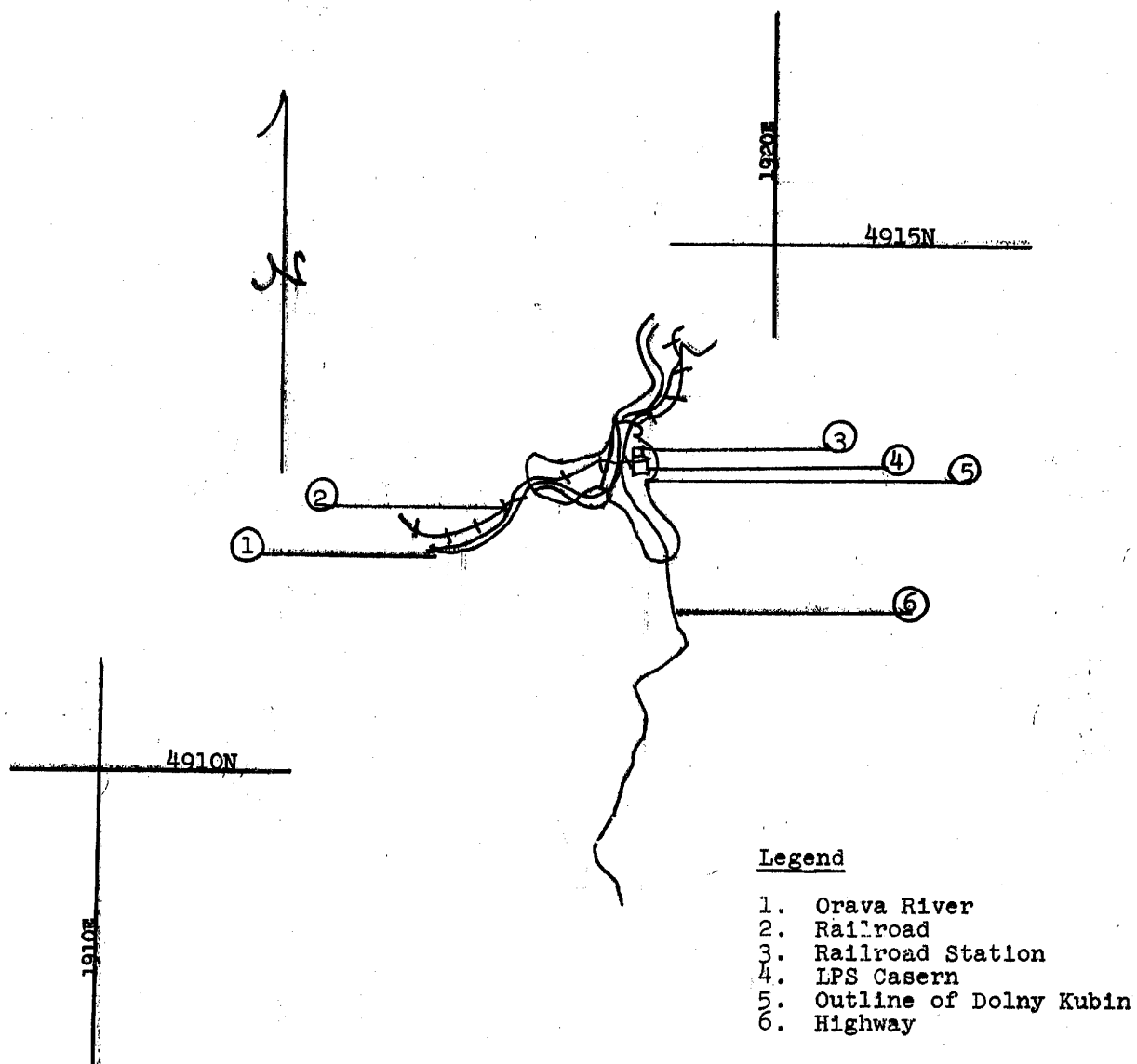
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Overlay Pinpointing the LPS in Dolny Kubin

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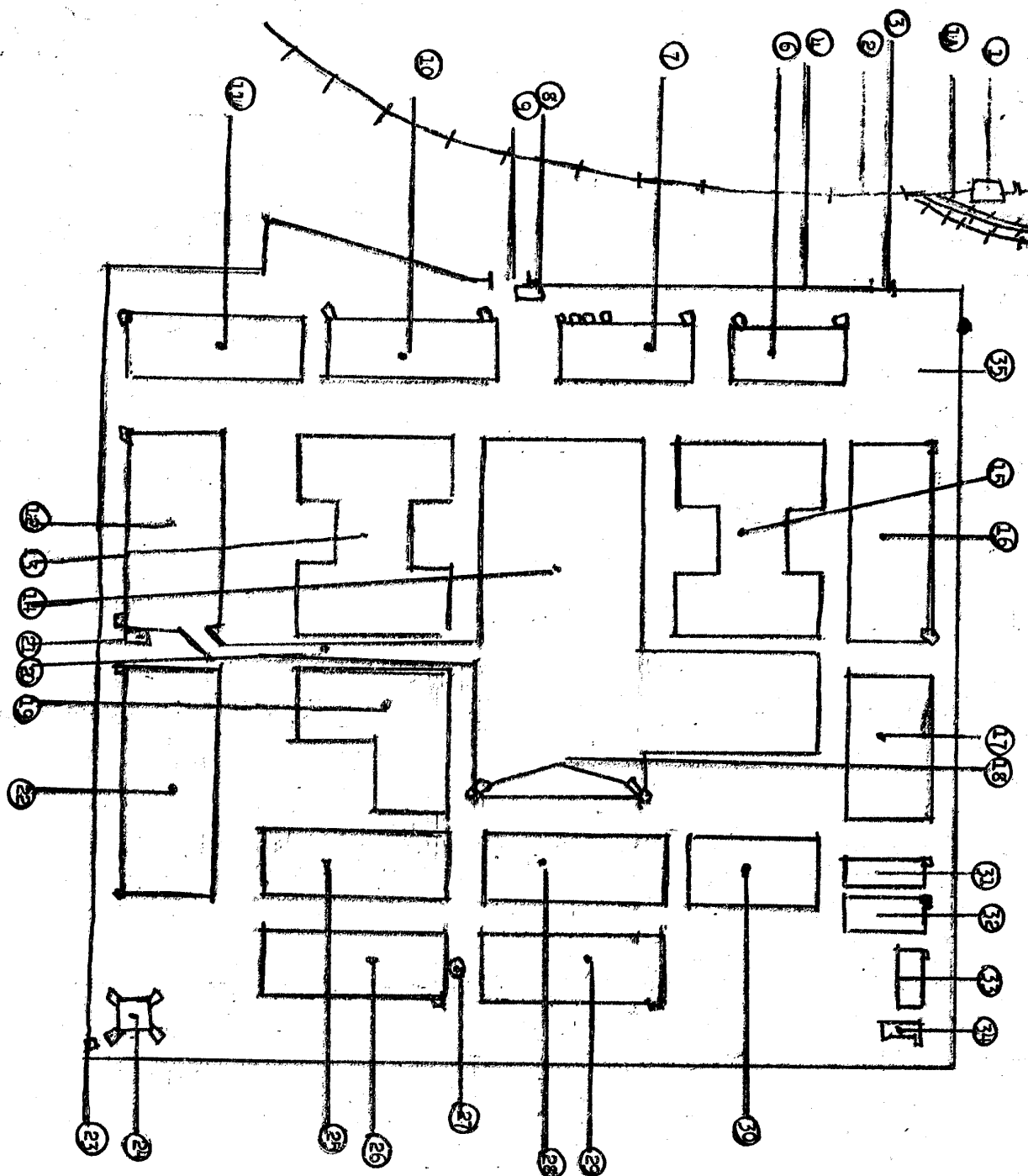
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ANNEX : B

Sketch of LPS casern in Dolny Kubin

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⑤ - Lights & Switches

⑤a - Lights, Switches, & Electric Alarms

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Legend

1. Railroad Station: Dirty, gray, stuccoed brick, two stories, approximately 10 x 20 m., 12 m. high, [redacted] gable roof with gable dormers on east and west sides; station contained a passenger waiting room, ticket office, station master office, and telegraph office. 25X1
- 1a. RR Siding: Double end (through arrangement with five body tracks), located on the east of the station Point #17. The tracks were approximately 500 m. long.
2. Railroad: Single track, normal gauge, Kralovany to Dolny Kubin, north to Trstena.
3. Casern Entrance: Steel strap gate, approximately four by four. The gate was kept locked and closed to traffic.
4. Fence: Steel mesh fence of 2½ mm. gauge, surrounding outside perimeter of the casern, approximately 1 m. 80 cm. high, fastened to cement posts, 12 cm. x 12 cm., 1 m. 80 cm. high, spaced approximately 5 m. apart.
5. Lights and Switches: Electric lights, each light controlled by a separate switch located on the wall of the same building as the light. The lights were utilized to light the perimeter of the casern.
- 5a. Lights, Light Switches, and Electric Alarm Switches: The electric lights were each individually controlled by a switch located on the wall of the building containing the light, except that the light fastened to a perimeter fence post located in the northwest corner of the casern was controlled by an electric alarm switch on the post. Electric alarm switches were located near each of the electric light switches on the walls of the buildings. The electric alarm switches were connected to a bell and panel in the guard room Point 77.
6. Headquarters Building: Gray blue, two stories, stuccoed brick, approximately 25 x 10 x 11 m., gray Eternit hip roof, first floor doors and windows barred with round iron bars approximately 25 mm. in diameter.
7. Building: Gray blue, single story, stuccoed brick, approximately 15 x 15 x 6 m., gray Eternit hip roof, doors and windows barred with vertical bars 25 mm. in diameter. The building contained two large cell blocks, four solitary cells for confinement of the casern personnel and one large guard room for the guard personnel. The guard room contained a light machine gun 7.92 m. (German origin) mounted on a tripod loaded with two belts of ammunition and one box of ammunition (1500 rounds) to use for emergencies. One room contained an electrical power unit (a four-cylinder Phenomen gasoline engine with a generator unit mounted on a wheeled carriage; approximately 80 cm. high, 1 m. wide, and 2½ m. long). This unit generated electric power for the casern when the power from Dolny Kubin failed. Power failure occurred daily for a couple of hours due to a shortage of electricity in this region. One room contained a telephone switchboard approximately two meters wide and one meter high operated by two soldiers, one teletype machine, one telegraph transmitter key, one telegraph receiver (tape recording), one room for fire-fighting equipment. This equipment was mounted on a stretcher-type platform and placed on a light two-wheeled trailer. The equipment could be carried or hauled to the scene of a fire; the pressure pump was powered by a water-cooled two-cylinder gasoline engine. Because of a water shortage at the casern during fire drills, the water was obtained from the Orava River. In the event of an emergency, it was presumed that a city fire hydrant, located approximately 300 m. west of the casern, would be utilized.

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8. Guard Shack: Wooden, unpainted, approximately 3 x 3 x 2½ m. with a tar-paper-covered shed roof. The guard shack was utilized by guards who were working at the entrance Point 9 as a shelter and for administration purposes such as signing of log sheets.
9. Casern Entrance: A large iron gate of strap-iron construction, approximately four by four meters. A smaller steel strap gate approximately 1 or 1½ x 3 m. was adjacent to the large gate and was utilized by pedestrians. This entrance was guarded by AF personnel armed with nine-millimeter Parabol and P-38 pistols.
10. Canteen: Gray blue, one story, approximately 10 x 25 x 6 m., having a gray Eternit hip roof; this canteen was utilized as an officers mess and club room and an enlisted men's canteen.
11. Theater: Gray blue, one story, approximately 80 x 20 x 12 m., stuccoed brick, with a gray Eternit hip roof. The seating capacity was estimated at 600. This theater was utilized for group lectures and for the showing of Russian and Czech films two or three times weekly. Each showing of a film ended with propaganda. It also was utilized for physical training during inclement weather.
12. Dispatcher Office, Garage, and Hangar: Gray blue, one story, approximately 25 x 150 x 6 m., stuccoed brick, having a gray Eternit gable type roof. Located in this building was the dispatcher office, garage, and hangar. The dispatcher's office kept a small stock of light maintenance supplies for vehicles, such as spark plugs, wrenches, bolts, tires, tire tubes, light bulbs, and batteries. The garage was utilized by three 2½-ton trucks and one passenger car. The hangar was utilized by two 106's, one 105, and a fuselage equipped with a motor of a 106 without wings for instructional purposes. The other planes were utilized for taxiing and instruction purposes. Also minor maintenance work was performed on aircraft in this hangar.
13. Cadet Barracks: This building was the same as the other cadet barracks Point 15 except that it contained two offices occupied by the chief of training and did not have a supply room.
14. Practice Taxiing Area: This area was completely grass-covered and was approximately 300 m. south to north and 400 m. east to west. This area was used for practical ground training, taxiing, braking, turning of plane, ground procedure, and other fundamentals. For this practical training two 106 and one Trener 105 were used.
15. Cadet Barracks: Gray blue, two stories, "H" shaped, approximately 30 x 150 x 12 m., stuccoed brick, with a gray Eternit hip roof. This building contained sleeping quarters for cadets, the company commanders' office, orderly room, supply room, day room, and one large room for platoon leaders. Sleeping quarters were divided into eight squad rooms; each room was approximately 6 x 12 x 4 m. and quartered 15 cadets. Rifle racks containing the rifles of the cadets were located in the hallway outside each squad room. The supply room contained clothing that was issued to cadets in exchange for unserviceable clothing. Barracks had washroom and toilet facilities. Only cold water facilities were available, but hot water facilities were being installed.
16. Building: Gray blue, one story, 25 x 150 x 6 m., stuccoed brick, gray Eternit gable roof.

the windows were barred vertically with round iron bars approximately 25 mm. in diameter.

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17. Miscellaneous Storage: Gray-blue, one-story, three-walled, approximately 25 x 50 x 7 m. high, stuccoed brick, gray Eternit hip roof. The south side of the building had no wall. The building was divided into two sections: one section utilized for storing of straw, used as mattress filling for mattresses of the personnel, and the other section utilized for storage of one-meter cord wood used for the kitchen ranges.
18. PA System: The PA system was used for broadcasts of music, news, propaganda, and addresses of ministers and political officials of the Communist Government. Broadcasts were aired daily from about 0530 and played up to 0700. No broadcasting was done during the duty hours, except during dinner and supper periods and at night from 1900 to 2230 hours. On weekends programs were aired from noon Saturday to 2230 hours, and on Sundays from 0700 to 2230 hours. These loudspeakers were controlled from the telephone central located in one of the buildings Point 77. Two loudspeakers were mounted on top of a wooden pole approximately five meters high.
19. Headquarters Company Barracks: Gray blue, two stories, "L" shaped approximately 30 m. south to north, 30 m. east to west, and 12 m. high, stuccoed brick, gray Eternit hip roof. These barracks contained the company commander's office, orderly room, supply room, dormitory, and dining room. The supply room contained gas masks, filters and training aids for chemical warfare training, and radio sets and earphones used for training of the cadets. Radios and earphone sets were also repaired in the supply room. The phone extension was No. 28. 25X1
20. Taxi Strip: Approximately 15 x 150 m., rolled crushed rock.
21. POL Station: Dark green double-sheet metal walls, approximately 15 x 3 m.; dark green sheet-metal gable roof; walls constructed with a 5 cm. air space between; sheet metal approximately 3 mm. thick. The building contained one hand-operated pump for gas and one hand-operated pump for oil that were attached to barrels for servicing of vehicles; there was a supply of 12 barrels of gasoline, 3 barrels of aviation gasoline, and 1 barrel each for the three grades of oil (summer, fall, and winter), (barrel capacity 200 lit.). A rigid requirement was that there must be a minimum of the following POL supplies on hand for emergencies: 2 - 4 barrels of gasoline, 20 lit. of each grade of oil, 10 kilos of grease (single type grease used for all seasons), and 5 lit. of brake fluid.
22. Laundry, Central Heating, and Coal Storage Building: Gray blue, single story, approximately 25 x 150 x 6 m., stuccoed brick, gray Eternit gable roof. The laundry section was operated by civilian personnel under military supervision. Laundry was picked up and delivered once weekly. The central heating section, 20 x 25 x 10 m. in size, contained three large boilers and coal or coke units for steam heat and for heating hot water for washing facilities.
23. Guard Shack: Wooden, painted in alternate red and white V patterns, 70 cm. x 70 cm. and 2½ m. high, tar-paper gable roof. Utilized by guard armed with submachine gun CZ model 23.
24. Ammunition Storage Building: Single-story, gray-blue, stuccoed brick, four by four by four meters, containing four hip roof sections forming a rectangle constructed of gray Eternit. This building was used for storage of explosives, land mines, grenades, ammunition for rifles, machine guns, and pistols. The building

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had one window and one door covered with meshed screen and secured with iron bars. The wooden door had an ordinary door lock plus three padlocks, and a security seal made of sealing wax, securing the door to the door frame. Four keys were needed to gain entrance, the ordnance officer kept two keys, one key was kept by the officer of the day, and one key was kept by the guard commander. When the building was opened, three people were required to unlock it. No one person was trusted with the whole set of keys. The officer of the day could never get the other key from the guard commander.

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25. School Building: This building was similar to the building described below Point 26. The first floor had two classrooms, one small room for storage of maps and photographs which were used for instruction, three storerooms used for storing students' instructional equipment, and one large supply room used for blankets, sheets, and uniforms. The second floor had four large classrooms, accommodating 30 people in each room, and two rooms that were utilized by instructors for grading tests, etc.
26. School Building: Two stories, gray blue, stuccoed brick, pitch (tar and crushed stone) covered shed roof, approximately 50 x 20 x 12m. The first floor of this building had three classrooms, one small room used for pictures and maps for instruction, one room [redacted] and a latrine. The second floor had four large classrooms, accommodating 30 people, and two rooms that were used by instructors for grading tests, etc. Each platoon utilized one same classroom for all subjects.
27. Water Well: Water was pumped from this well by pumps powered by electric motors which were located in the mess hall Point 28. The top of the well was covered with a cement covering. The pipes were laid underground.
28. Mess Hall: Single story, gray blue, stuccoed brick, gray Eternit hip roof; approximately 100 x 25 x 11 m. This mess hall had two dining halls that accommodated two companies of cadets (120 each) and one large kitchen. The basement contained rooms for food storage and a hot and cold central shower room. The water tank was located in the attic and supplied the casern with water for drinking and washing purposes. [redacted] There were two pumps in the basement powered by electric motors of approximately five horsepower which drew water from the well Point 27. When the well was pumped dry, the water supply was shut off for the casern for five to six hours, except for kitchen utilization. This situation occurred almost daily.
29. Hospital: Single story, gray blue, stuccoed brick gray Eternit hip roof, approximately 100 x 20 x 7 m. This hospital had two surgery rooms, two rooms for medical records and administrative functions, a dispensary, a dish washing room, a latrine, a wash-room with bath facilities, a sun treatment room, and sleeping quarters for enlisted male nurses. There were five wards, four of which accommodated 10 patients and the other accommodated 15 patients. Two rooms were utilized as quarantine wards accommodat- ing 10 patients each. Food was brought in from the mess hall.
30. Building: Single story, gray blue, stuccoed brick, gray Eternit hip roof, approximately 50 x 20 x 7 or 8 m. This building had windows and doors with vertical iron bars approximately 25 mm. in diameter. This building contained the offices for the

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physical training officer and ordnance and ammunition officer and a supply room used for storing pistols, rifles, semi-automatic, light and heavy machine guns, approximately 100 rifles, 10 - 15 light machine guns, 5 heavy machine guns, unknown number of pistols, room for ordnance repair shop, locksmith repair shop, carpenter shop, tailor shop, shoe repair shop, and the office for the casern utilities officer.

31. Bachelor Officers' Quarters: Single story, gray blue, stuccoed brick, gray Eternit hip roof, approximately 20 x 10 x 6 m. This building consisted of four large rooms; two officers were billeted in each room.
32. Bachelor Officers' Quarters: Single story, gray blue, stuccoed brick, gray Eternit hip roof, approximately 20 x 10 x 6 m. This building consisted of four large rooms; two officers were billeted in each room.
33. Stables: Single story, gray blue, stuccoed brick gray Eternit hip roof, approximately 10 x 5 x 6 m. Used for hay storage and other necessary fodder for feeding and bedding of two horses kept in this building.
34. Pig Sty: Gray blue, stuccoed brick, gray Eternit roof approximately 6 x 4 x 3 m. Approximately six hogs were kept in this sty. The hogs were fed left-over scraps from the kitchen. When the hogs were fat enough for butchering, they were slaughtered and used as meat for the casern.
35. Water Well: Hand-operated, utilized for drinking and washing facilities during emergencies, when the other well Point 27 went dry.

Roads: Traffic was allowed throughout the casern on areas that had rolled crushed rock, except on the perimeter of the casern and on the practice taxiing area Point 147.

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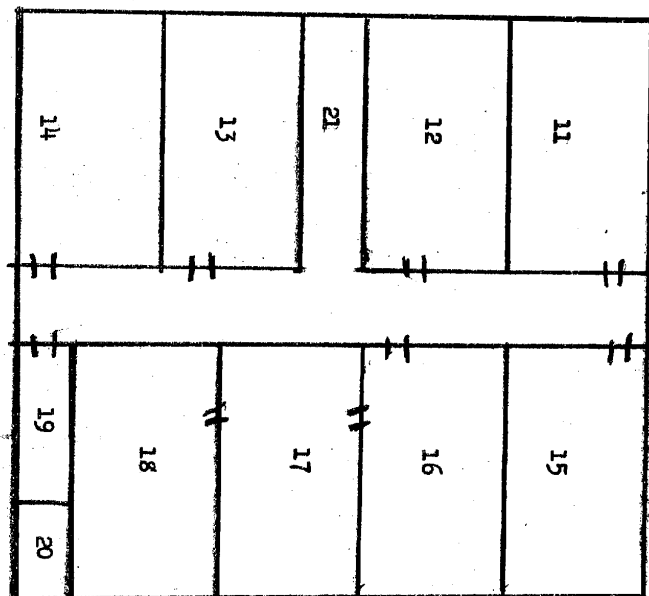
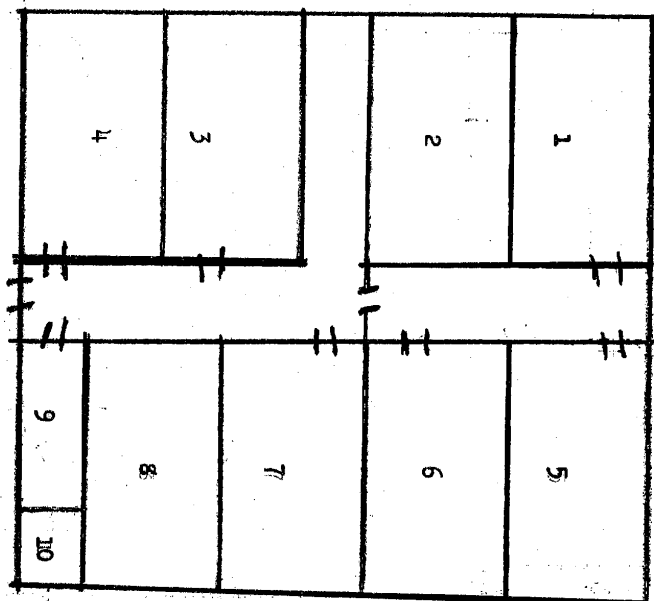
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ANNEX: C



Sketch of Floor Plan, Headquarters Building

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2. Office: Counter Intelligence (OBZ), 25X1
3. Office: Message Center and Postal Office (Kancelarska Sluzba) telephone extension #32.
4. Office: Officer of the Day (Dozorce Vojskoveho Telesa).
- 5, 6, 7 & 8 Offices: Political Branch (Politicke Oddeleni) telephone extension #20.
9. Washroom
10. Toilet
- 11 & 12 Offices: Quartermaster (Intendant).
13. Office: File, archives, registration, and cutting of orders. Telephone extension #11.
14. Office: 25X1
15. Office: Chief of Staff (Nacelnik Stabu) telephone extension #86.
- 16, 17 & 18 Offices: Commandant and Assistant Commandant.

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